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REMARKS

The Examiner's Action dated December 9, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Applicant elects group III without traverse and requests entry of new Claims 24-29 which are directed to the same invention as elected in group III.

With respect to the Examiner's requirement that Applicant elect either the species of Figure 2 or the species of Figure 3, the Applicant elects the species shown in Figure 3. Applicant notes that by this restriction, the Examiner has asserted that these two embodiments (species) are patentably distinct and hence, during prosecution similar minor differences between the prior art and the claims should likewise warrant a finding of patentable distinctness.

Applicant has amended Claim 17 to correct minor text errors. Applicant has submitted New Claims 24-29 to more fully describe Applicant's unique and non-obvious invention without introducing any new matter. Support for these new claims is found in Applicant's original claims and specification. For example, support for new Claim 24 is found in the original claims and at Paragraphs [031] to [033] and [040]. Support for new Claim 25 is found at Paragraph [36]; while support for new Claim 26 is found at Paragraph [47]. Support for Claim 27 is found at Paragraph [043], support for Claim 28 is found at Paragraph [018] and support for Claim 29 is found at Paragraph [040].

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SUMMARY

Applicant has elected Claims 11-18 and added new claim 24-29. If any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone. Please deduct any fees incurred by this Response, beyond those provided herewith by check, for the requested 1 month extension of time from our Deposit Account No. 502200.

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